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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. George Carver
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Central Intelligence Agency

DATE: March 17, 1971

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SUBJECT: Projected Intelligence Requirements

Herewith our first cut at a listing of intelligence requirements in Vietnam for the next two years, plus. Although it has no official standing it has been checked out with Lou Sarris' shop in REA and with Roger Kirk and the Vietnam Working Group. You will find that it contains no surprises and is probably little different from a general requirements list that could be drawn up for any country of significant interest to the United States. I expect that the differences will begin to emerge only when we start getting down to relative priorities of subject matter and to degrees of depth and scope. On the first, I would suspect, for example, that we are going to need to give significantly more attention than we are giving now to urban movements and rather less to the to-ings and fro-ings of assemblymen and old politicians. On the second, as we become less omnipresent and the Vietnamese take over the functions we have been performing, I should think we would find the vacuum-cleaner method of sweeping up detailed tactical data of all kinds less and less necessary and desirable, and would want reporting to concentrate more on analysis, interpretation, and projection.

Attachment:
Listing of Intelligence Requirements.

State Dept. review completed

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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I. GVN

Political Dynamics

--Leadership--relations, performance, stability, sources of support, attitudes and policies

--Political forces and pressure groups (including ~~but not confined to~~ political parties)--leadership, relationships, trends in organization and sources of support, significant activities

--Issues--nature, intensity, potential, general opinion trends

--Provincial and local political evolution--trends in leadership, political behavior, attitudes

Government Performance

--Policies (including external)--evolution, suitability, impact

--Institutional development--trends in relationships and real power of Executive, Legislature, Judiciary, press, etc.

--Administration--technical efficiency, national/local relationships, responsiveness, honesty, participation

--Attitudes toward government programs

Economic Trends and Developments

--Income distribution

--Cost of living

--Employment/manpower

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--Economic development

--Budget and finance

--Management

Military Organization and Performance

--Leadership--relations, performance, political roles and attitudes

--Plans and operations

--Structural developments

--Motivation, morale, battlefield behavior

II. Communists in South Vietnam

--Leadership

--Strategy

--Military organization, capabilities and plans

--Morale

--Infrastructure

--Political Plans, behavior and effectiveness

--Extent of popular support

--North-South relationships

III. North Vietnam

--Leadership--Changes, cohesion, conflict

--Military and diplomatic Strategy

--Government performance--Effectiveness, problems

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--Economic plans and performance

--Manpower

--Morale

--External relations

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